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INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ZANZIBAR 0097

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FURTHER CABINET CHANGES

REF: A. ZANZIBAR 91, B. ZANZIBAR 93

1. TANZANIAN VICE PRESIDENT/ZANZIBAR CHAIRMAN OF THE
REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL ABOUD JUMBE CAME TO ZANZIBAR JULY 10 TO
SWEAR IN HIS NEW CABINET (REFTEL A) AND MAKE FURTHER
ANNOUNCEMENTS WITH REPECT TO CABINET CHANGES. HE RETURNED TO
DAR ES SALAAM THE SAME DAY. JUMBE NAMED USI HAJI, FORMER
SECRETARY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, ASSISTANT CHIEF JUSTICE
AND ALI SALIM, FORMER MINISTER OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
(WHOSE MINISTRY WAS ABOLISHED AND TURNED INTO A DEPARTMENT OF
THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE), SECRETARY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL.

2. COMMENT: JUMBE'S APPEARANCE IN ZANZIBAR INDICATES THAT HE
IS RECOVERING FROM HIS HEART ATTACK (REFTEL B). IN SPITE OF
RECENT ARTICLES IN TANZANIA'S DAILY NEWS, JUMBE IS NOT
TOURING A REGION ON THE MAINLAND, NOR OPENING SPORTS CELEBRATIONS,
ETC. HE IS, ACCORDING TO ZANZIBAR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS,
RESTING IN HIS HOUSE IN DAR ES SALAAM AND DOING SOME PAPER
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WORK. HE IS EXPECTED TO LEARN IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS TIME HOW MUCH
OF HIS CUSTOMARY ACTIVITY HE CAN RESUME AND HOW QUICKLY. MOST
PERSONS IN ZANZIBAR, INCLUDING SOME WHO ARE CRITICAL OF JUMBE'S
POLICIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES, HOPE FOR HIS COMPLETE
RECOVERY. IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO JUMBE WHICH SERIOUSLY
INCAPACITATED HIM, ZANZIBAR WOULD BE IN FOR A PERIOD OF
UNCERTAINTY, IN-FIGHTING AMONG POWER FACTIONS AND WITHOUT

ANY LEADER UNTIL THE STRUGGLE SORTED ITSELF OUT. IF ZANZIBAR IS TO PROGRESS AT ALL, STABILITY IS NEEDED AND JUMBE, AT THIS TIME, IS THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN PROVIDE IT.

3. THE CHANGES MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE APPEAR PROMISING. HAJI, A PLEASANT BUT INEFFECTIVE PERSON IS MOVED TO A POSITION CARRYING A HIGH TITLE, BUT PROBABLY OF LITTLE IMPORTANCE. SALIM, ONE OF THE BRIGHT, RELATIVELY WELL-EDUCATED, INTELLIGENT PERSONS OF THE PREVIOUS CABINET; SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO EXERT SOME PROGRESSIVE INFLUENCE OVER JUMBE AND, PERHAPS, OVER THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. UNDER HAJI, THE POSITION OF SECRETARY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL WAS PRIMARILY A PAPER-PUSHING, ADMINISTRATIVE ONE. JUMBE HAS INDICATED BY HIS APPOINTMENT OF SALIM TO THE POSITION THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT BECOME MORE IMPORTANT AND INFLUENTIAL. SHIPPY

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